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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 1053

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SG, CG, MOPS
SUBJECT: SENEGALESE CHIEF-OF-STAFF TO VISIT ZAIRE

REF: DAKAR 6126 (NOTAL)

1. CONSUL LEARNED IN KOLWEZI AUGUST 24 THAT SENEGALESE CHIEF
OF STAFF, MAJOR GENERAL IDRISSE FALL, WOULD VISIT KOLWEZI
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO INSPECT SENEGALESE BATTALION OF SHABA
INTER-AFRICAN FORCE.

2. ON RETURNING FROM KOLWEZI, CONSUL'S CAR WAS STOPPED BY
DRUNKEN SENEGALESE SERGEANT ON LUBUMBASHI SIDE OF LUALABA
BRIDGE ASKING FOR PAPERS THAT DO NOT EXIST AND HINTING FOR
BRIBES IN A MANNER THAT SHABA RESIDENTS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO FROM
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ZAIRIAN FORCES BUT UNTIL NOW HAVE NOT NORMALLY ENCOUNTERED FROM
ANY OF THE INTER-AFRICAN FORCES. (WE LAUGHED OUR WAY THROUGH
BUT SUSPECT THAT ZAIRIAN VEHICLES MAY HAVE HAD TO PAY UP.)

3. INCIDENT MIGHT BE INDICATION THAT SENEGALESE TROOPS ARE
FEELING PINCH OF HIGH COST OF FOOD IN SHABA AND THAT THEIR
DISCIPLINE IS SLIPPING.

4. STATE OF SENEGALESE FORCE IS OF SOME DIRECT CONCERN TO US BECAUSE GUARD AT COASTRUCTEURS INGA-SHABA (CIS) (MORRISON-KNUDSEN) CAMP AT KOLWEZI, WHICH AT PRESENT CONTAINS TWELVE AMCITS, WAS CHANGED AUGUST 20 FROM 22 MOROCCANS TO 13 SENEGALESE. CIS PROJECT MANAGER DESCRIBES RELATIONS WITH SENEGALESE GUARDS AS GOOD AT PRESENT.

5. GENERAL FALL MAY THUS BE VISITING TO SEE STATE OF TROOPS BOTH TO REINFORCE FROM FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE POINTS REFTEL AND TO PUT SOME NEW STARCH IN HIS PEOPLE'S PANTS IF HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS OF SLIPPAGE.
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